

## **Who is Saved? Who is Doomed?**

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“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

- Mark 3:28-30

“For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.”

-Hebrews 6:4-6

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”.

- John 3:16

As Christians we have faith that everything that we need, to know God, to know about God, how we relate to God, our purpose in His plan, how we relate to each other, and how we are to live, has been provided to us by The Holy Spirit in His word. We must be also aware that there is still much that is a mystery to us which will all be revealed when we join God in His Heavenly Kingdom. Nobody can know the mind of God.

Someone once said to me that he had a theory. His theory was that at the end of times, God will forgive Satan. My reply was. “It’s a theory.” And that was all that I could say. The Holy Spirit tells us in the Word that this is not the case. However, who am I to say God will not do this? That will be a matter between God and Satan. No minister has all the answers. But all minister’s have been given, as have all

Christians, everything pertinent that we need to know. Everything that is relevant to this life and the next. All the rest will be revealed to us when we join The Lord.

God sent Jesus to us to save all those from sin who sincerely choose to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Jesus' great commission was that he instructed his disciples (and us) to Baptize all nations in the name of the Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. Most of the globe has seen evangelization and yet there are always remote populations of people who still have not heard the Gospel.

There is no middle ground. Either we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior or we are rejecting him. Anyone who rationalizes that they are not participating in this choice, is rejecting Him.

What we know of salvation is this:

All scripture is breathed out from God.

We are all dead in sin unless we become born again in the Lord.

Nobody comes to the father accept through Christ. There is salvation in no one else and there is no other way.

Anything that distracts us or misguides us away from the saving grace of Christ (religions, corrupt doctrine, fraternities, clubs, sexual abomination, idolatry in any form, sin, the occult, media) is the work of the enemy.

So, what about very well behaved, charitable, righteous people who belong to other faiths? The answer: They must come to Christ for salvation. They cannot be saved by their deeds or by their beliefs.

What about those who have never had a chance to hear the Gospel of Jesus?

In Revelation 14:6 it is written

"And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;"

For those who have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that it shall be given to them in spirit so that they might make the choice of their own free-will.

Many ask, ‘But how is that fair?! Why would God create us and sentence us by default to Hell?’

Christ offers his saving arm to pull us from the sin that we are drowning in. Not because we are entitled. Not because we deserve it. Not because he owes us this. Because he loves us.

If you are drowning and someone offers to pull you free of the icy water, they bring the saving mechanism, but you must take that arm and hold on. You must bring the belief in the person saving you. To reject a saving grasp and to drown in icy water is not sane.

Christ offers us that saving grasp. And much, much more.

In closing, at the start of my articles, I wrote of Pascal’s Wager which proved that there is no sane, intelligent reason to reject the saving Grace of Jesus Christ. There is nothing but risk and hardship attached to rejecting Christ’s salvation. In this life and the next. And yet, many still say “Show me evidence before I believe. I want proof before I convert.” But the burden of proof is on anybody who states that there is no God. No form of science, physics, math, chemistry, or philosophy has been able to prove that God does not exist. All probabilities point to God the creator of all things. All testimony, Biblical and historical point to the credibility of Jesus Christ. Jesus saves!